

Atty. Dkt. No. 035451-0132 (3645.Palm)

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer system, comprising:
a switch;
a user interface;
a housing; and
a display supported by the housing, wherein the user interface includes ~~an~~ a text information entry area, wherein the text information entry area is activated in response to manipulation of the switch the switch being a ~~non-display element~~ switch device located outside of the display.
2. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the text information entry area is deactivated in response to manipulation of the switch.
3. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer system of claim 2 wherein the switch includes two actions: a first manipulation of the switch to activate the text information entry area and a second manipulation of the switch to deactivate the text information entry area.
4. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the switch is ~~part of a touch pad associated with the display,~~ a squeeze switch associated with the housing, or a button associated with the housing.
5. (Original) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the switch is a squeeze switch.
6. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the text information entry area is a pop-up menu, the pop-up menu having more than one set of text items to choose from.

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7. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the text information entry area has at least two sizes when activated.

8. (Currently Amended) A user interface for a handheld computer system, the handheld computer system comprising a display and a touch pad, the user interface comprising:
means for receiving information at the touch pad and the display, the means for receiving a display in a graphical user interface to prompt a user to input text information; and
means for activating and deactivating the means for receiving, wherein the means for receiving is reduced in size or removed from the display when deactivated and the means for activating and deactivating is not located on the display.

9. (Currently Amended) The user interface means of claim 8 wherein the means for receiving is at least one of a ~~graphical~~ handwriting recognition input area, a pictorial representation of a keyboard, ~~an area to accept a drawing,~~ and an area assigned for entering text information into the handheld computer system.

10. (Currently Amended) The user interface means of claim 8 wherein the handwriting recognition input area receives handwritten characters, the handwritten characters include numbers or letters.

11. (Currently Amended) The user interface means of claim 9 wherein means for receiving comprises a handwriting recognition input area to receive handwritten characters, the handwritten characters include numbers or letters.

12. (Currently Amended) The user interface of claim 8 wherein the means for receiving is removed from the display when activated deactivated.

13. (Original) The user interface of claims 9, 10, 11, or 12 wherein the means for activating and deactivating includes a squeeze switch.

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14. (Original) The user interface of claims 9, 10, 11, or 12 wherein the means for activating and deactivating is integrated into a portion of a housing of the handheld computer.

15. (Original) The user interface of claims 13 wherein the means for activating and deactivating is integrated into a portion of a housing of the handheld computer.

16. (Original) The user interface of claim 14 wherein the means for activating and deactivating includes a symbol.

17. (Original) The user interface of claim 14 wherein the means for activating and deactivating includes a symbol is a fixed symbol.

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18. (Currently Amended) A method of interfacing with a handheld computer system, the handheld computer system comprising a display and a touch pad, the method comprising:
~~manipulating~~ activating a user interface device to cause a suitable area for receiving handwritten characters to be displayed on the display above or behind the touch pad while the user interface device is being activated by the user; ~~and~~
providing information entry on the touch pad; and
removing the suitable area from the display when the user interface device is deactivated wherein the user interface device is not located on the display.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 ~~further comprising:~~
~~manipulating the user interface device to cause the suitable area to be removed from the display~~ wherein the user interface device comprises a touching sensor.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the user interface device is a mechanical switch.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the mechanical switch is a squeeze switch integrated in a housing of the handheld computer system.

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22. (Currently Amended) The method of claims 19, 20, or 21 wherein the suitable area is at least one of a pop-up ~~graphic~~ handwriting recognition area, a pictorial representation of a keyboard, ~~an area to accept a drawing~~, and an area assigned for entering information into the handheld computer system.
